

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application. Please cancel claims 1-17, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 18-54, as follows:

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (New) A method of applying a cosmetic product to a surface, the method comprising:

increasing temperature of a cosmetic product arranged on or in a carrier substantially dry to the touch, the carrier being capable of being applied to a surface, and the temperature of the cosmetic product being increased via an energy source external to the carrier; and

applying the product to the surface.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the product comprises a skin care product or a hair care product.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the increasing temperature comprises increasing the temperature of the cosmetic product via microwave radiation.

21. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the increase in the temperature of the cosmetic product enables activation of at least one constituent of the cosmetic product.

22. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the increase in the temperature of the cosmetic product initiates or promotes activity of at least one constituent of the cosmetic product.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the increase in the temperature of the cosmetic product promotes release of the at least one constituent to the surface.

24. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the increase in the temperature of the cosmetic product enables liquefaction of the product.

25. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the carrier is in the form of at least one layer.

26. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the carrier is made of a material comprising at least one of: cellulose, foam, woven material, felt, non-woven material, and plastic material.

27. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the carrier is immersed in a liquid before being heated.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the liquid comprises water.

29. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the increasing comprises increasing the temperature of the cosmetic product to a temperature between 25 °C and 100 °C.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the increasing comprises increasing the temperature of the cosmetic product to a temperature between 30 °C and 55 °C.

31. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the cosmetic product is exposed to the microwave radiation for a time period between 1 second and 150 seconds.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the cosmetic product is exposed to the microwave radiation for a time period between 2 seconds and 60 seconds.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the cosmetic product is exposed to the microwave radiation for a time period between 3 seconds and 25 seconds.

34. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the carrier is on a grid above or inside the container, wherein the container contains a liquid vaporizable at a heating temperature.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the height of the grid is adjustable relative to the level of liquid in the container.

36. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising a lid arranged above the grid, wherein the lid and the container define a substantially closed volume around the carrier.

37. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the carrier includes a temperature indicator.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein the indicator is configured to change its appearance as a function of the temperature.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the indicator is configured to change its color as a function of the temperature.

40. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein the indicator is configured to change its material state at a predetermined temperature.

41. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein the indicator comprises an ink or a label comprising a thermochromic pigment.

42. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein the indicator is placed on at least part of a surface of the carrier.

43. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the indicator is placed on at least part of the surface of the carrier by printing.

44. (New) A method of applying a cosmetic product to a surface, the method comprising:

increasing temperature of a cosmetic product arranged on or in a carrier comprising two non-occlusive application surfaces, the carrier being capable of being applied to a surface and the temperature of the cosmetic product being increased via an energy source external to the carrier; and
applying the product to the surface.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the cosmetic product comprises a skin care product or a hair care product.

46. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the increasing temperature comprises increasing the temperature of the cosmetic product via microwave radiation.

47. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the increase in the temperature of the product facilitates liquefaction of the cosmetic product.

48. (New) A carrier associated with a cosmetic product, the carrier comprising:
a body comprising a surface,

wherein at least part of the surface of the body comprises an indicator configured to change its appearance in response to an increase in temperature,

wherein the carrier is substantially dry to the touch, and

wherein the carrier is capable of being heated in a microwave oven.

49. (New) The carrier of claim 48, wherein the cosmetic product is on or inside the carrier.

50. (New) The carrier of claim 49, wherein the cosmetic product comprises a skin care product or a hair care product.

51. (New) The carrier of claim 49, wherein the indicator is configured to change its color in response to a temperature increase.

52. (New) A carrier associated with a cosmetic product, the carrier comprising:
a body comprising

a first non-occlusive application surface, and

a second non-occlusive application surface,

wherein at least part of one of the first and second surfaces comprises an indicator configured to change its appearance in response to an increase in temperature,

wherein the carrier is substantially dry to the touch, and

wherein the carrier is capable of being heated in a microwave oven.

53. (New) The carrier of claim 52, wherein the cosmetic product is on or inside the carrier.

54. (New) The carrier of claim 53, wherein the product is a skin care product or a hair care product.